

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please rewrite claims 1, 3-6, 8-12 and 14-17 as follows.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine, comprising:
a cylindrical relief valve, said cylindrical relief valve having a longitudinal axis disposed in a horizontal direction and being disposed in parallel to a longitudinal axis of a main gallery and a longitudinal axis of a crank shaft of the engine.

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3. (Twice Amended) The lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine according to claim 1, wherein said relief valve further comprises:

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an L-shaped body, having a longer longitudinal part parallel to said main gallery and a shorter transverse part connected at one end to and in communication with the main gallery, said L-shaped body including a discharge port formed therein;

a cylindrical valve body movably received within said L-shaped body to open and close said discharge port; and

wherein when hydraulic pressure within said main gallery becomes a predetermined value, said cylindrical valve body is operated to open said discharge

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4. (Twice Amended) The lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine according to claim 1, wherein said relief valve further comprises:

an L-shaped body, said L-shaped body including a long pipe parallel to said main gallery and a short pipe;

a cylindrical valve body slidably inserted in said long pipe;

a stopper for restricting movement of said cylindrical valve body in said long pipe;

a spring for biasing said cylindrical valve body toward said stopper;

a spring stop for pressing said spring; and

a mounting portion formed integrally with said L-shaped body for mounting said relief valve to a bottom wall portion of the main gallery.

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5. (Amended) The lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine according to claim 4, wherein said long pipe includes a discharge port formed therein, and wherein when said cylindrical valve body is moved against the bias of said spring, the discharge port is opened to allow hydraulic pressure in the main gallery to be relieved.

6. (Amended) The lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine according to

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claim 1, further comprising:

a oil tank; and

a strainer for straining oil recovered in the oil tank, said strainer being provided in said oil tank.

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8. (Twice Amended) A lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine comprising:

an oil tank mounted on an end of said engine, so as to reduce a height of said engine; and

a relief valve provided in said oil tank;

wherein said relief valve further comprises:

a lead pipe, said lead pipe being connectable with an outlet pipe of an oil filter, said lead pipe including a discharge port formed therein;

a cylindrical valve body movably received within an L-shaped body to open and close said discharge port; and

wherein when hydraulic pressure within said main gallery becomes a predetermined value, said cylindrical valve body is operated to open said discharge port to relieve the hydraulic pressure.

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9. (Amended) A lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine comprising:

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an oil tank mounted on an end of said engine, so as to reduce a height of
said engine; and

a relief valve provided in said oil tank

wherein said relief valve further comprises:

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a lead pipe, said lead pipe being connectable to an outlet of an oil filter;

a cylindrical valve body slidably inserted in said lead pipe;

a stopper for restricting movement of said cylindrical valve body in said
lead pipe;

a spring for biasing said cylindrical valve body toward said stopper; and

a spring stop for pressing said spring.

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10. (Amended) The lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine according to
claim 9, wherein said lead pipe includes a discharge port formed therein, and
wherein when said cylindrical valve body is moved against the bias of said
spring, the discharge port is opened to allow hydraulic pressure in the outlet of
the oil filter to be relieved.

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11. (Twice Amended) A lubricating apparatus for a dry sump engine,
according to claim 9, further comprising:
a strainer for straining oil recovered in said oil tank provided in said oil tank.

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12. (Amended) A dry sump engine, comprising:
a crank shaft having a longitudinal axis mounted for rotation therein;
a main gallery having a longitudinal axis extending in a direction parallel to
said longitudinal axis of said crank shaft; and
a cylindrical relief valve, said cylindrical relief having a longitudinal axis
disposed in a horizontal direction and being disposed in parallel to said longitudinal
axis of said main gallery and said longitudinal axis of said crank shaft.

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14. (Twice Amended) The dry sump engine according to claim 12, wherein
said relief valve further comprises:
an L-shaped body, having a longer longitudinal part parallel to said main
gallery and a shorter transverse part connected at one end to and in
communication with the main gallery, said L-shaped body including a discharge
port formed therein;
a cylindrical valve body movably received within said L-shaped body to open
and close said discharge port; and

Chart wherein when hydraulic pressure within said main gallery becomes a predetermined value, said cylindrical valve body is operated to open said discharge port to relieve the hydraulic pressure.

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12* 15. (Twice Amended) The dry sump engine according to claim 12, wherein said relief valve further comprises:

an L-shaped body, said L-shaped body including a long pipe parallel to said main gallery and a short pipe;

a cylindrical valve body slidably inserted in said long pipe;

a stopper for restricting movement of said cylindrical valve body in said long pipe;

a spring for biasing said cylindrical valve body toward said stopper;

a spring stop for pressing said spring; and

a mounting portion formed integrally with said L-shaped body for mounting said relief valve to a bottom wall portion of the main gallery.

16. (Twice Amended) The dry sump engine according to claim 15, wherein said long pipe includes a discharge port formed therein, and wherein when said cylindrical valve body is moved against the bias of said spring, the discharge port is opened to allow hydraulic pressure in the main gallery to be relieved.

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17. (Twice Amended) The dry sump engine according to claim 12, further comprising:

a oil tank; and

a strainer for straining oil recovered in the oil tank, said strainer being provided in said oil tank.